GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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MEDICINES IN CGHS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have stopped the practice of indenting medicines for the CGHS patients due to which CGHS beneficiaries are in great difficulty for the last one month or so;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is sharp decrease in the patients approaching the CGHS dispensaries in Delhi as a result of the above;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the quantum of amount saved by the Government during the period compared to previously; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a)&(b): No, Sir.

The authorised local chemists appointed under CGHS Delhi havegone on strike from 1.11.2002 to till date due to withholding of 10% amount from their bills on account of Sales Tax and delayed payment of their pending bills by the CGHS. The issue is under reference to the C&AG.

At present, the availability of medicines in CGHS dispensaries is not adequate.Due to the ongoing strike of the authorised local chemists of CGHS Delhi, the beneficiaries have been allowed to purchase the medicines from open market and get reimbursement of the expenses incurred on this account from the Govt. Arrangements have also been made for making reimbursement to CGHS pensioner beneficiaries in the concerned CGHS dispensary itself.

In the present context, steps have been taken to procure generic as well as proprietary medicines through the Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (India) Limited. The supplies have already started arriving in CGHS Delhi.

(c)to(e): Yes Sir. The dispensary-wise attendance of patients under CGHS Delhi during the month of November, 2002 (when the authorised local chemists of CGHS Delhi havegone on strike) as compared to the attendance figures of November, 2001 is given at Annexure-`A`.

The financial loss or savings cannot be quantified since the reimbursement claims of CGHSbeneficiaries for purchasing medicines from the open market during the period of the chemists strike is preferred by the serving employees in the office where they are working whereas in the case of pensioners, the claims are preferred with the CGHS. Further, the details of the claims preferred by the serving employees with the concerned Deptts. are not maintained by the CGHS.

In addition to the steps taken by the Govt. mentioned in the reply to parts (a)&(b) above, an additional amount of Rs.8.00crore was allocated on 5.11.2002 and the bills of the authorised local chemists of CGHS,Delhi which were received in the CGHS(HQ) up to 30.9.2002 have been cleared for payment.

ANNEXURE `A`

The comparative statement of patients attendance in CGHS dispensaries Delhi during November 2001 and November 2002

S.No.	Name of dispensary	November, 2001	November, 2002
1	Andrews Ganj	3568	2988
2	Dakshinpuri	9810	7223
3	Hauz Khas	6858	4234

4	Jangpura	2222	1801
5	Kalkaji.I	5875	3323
6	Kalkaji.II	3489	2315
7	Kasturba Nagar.I	5398	6252
8	Kasturba Nagar.II	4098	3894
9	Kidwai Nagar	11891	4682
10	Laxmibai Nagar	9727	2160
11	Lajpat Nagar	4343	4580
12	Moti Bagh	4580	3072
13	Munirka	3556	2643
14	M.B. Road	10320	10445
15	Malviya Nagar	3728	2910
16	Nanakpura	8204	2983
17	Netaji Nagar	5397	2632
18	Nauroji Nagar	5948	2544
19	R.K. Puram.I	8278	6627
20	R.K. Puram.II	6485	5462
21	R.K. Puram.III	7304	4118
22	R.K. Puram. IV	6372	3641
23	R.K. Puram. V	7492	4248
24	R.K. Puram VI	4160	3000
25	Sarojini Nagar.I	5269	2804
26	Sarojini Nagar.II	3884	5285
27	Sarojini Nagar Market	4654	2841
28	Sadiq Nagar	9365	6500
29	Srinivaspuri	7716	5285
30	Aliganj	6559	3393
31	Chakyapuri	2089	1346
32	Chitragupta Road	6514	2371
33	Constitution House	3150	2940
34	Gole Market	7228	7172
35	Kali Bari	6236	2609
36	Lodi Road	7590	3722
37	Minto Road	5717	2946
38	North Avenue	5907	1615
39	Paharganj	5746	3352
40	Pandara Road	5422	1880
41	Pragati Vihar	3588	1976
42	President Estate	2603	1077
43	South Avenue	4790	2015
44	Telegraph Lane	1849	1596
45	Dr. Z.H. Road	4477	1870
46	Faridabad	9749	6469
47	Ghaziabad	11668	5880
48	Gurgaon	9286	5315
49	Noida	11760	8660
50	Laxmi Nagar	12456	5455
51	Rajpur Road	1801	1077
52	Subzi Mandi	4721	3850
53	Kingsway Camp	19401	14573
54	Naveen Shahadra	8672	6500
55	Vivek Vihar	5612	3709
56	Timar Pur	9283	4636
57	Chandni Chowk	3020	746
58	G.K.G.	8724	7428
59	Dilshad Garden	5650	3700
60	Mayur Vihar	15098	10113
61	Pul Bangash	2760	1375
62	Yamuna Vihar	8037	4691
63	Darya Ganj	3400	1050
64	Ashok Vihar	6792	2450
65	Delhi Cant	5436	3116
66	Dev Nagar	4315	2467
67	Hari Nagar	9365	7228
68	Inder Puri	5267	3750
69	Janak Puri-I	16466	12404
70	Janak Puri-II	10686	9550
71	Karol Bagh	2215	1132
72	Naraiana Vihar	3418	2375
73	New Rajinder Nagar	5491	4150
74	East Patel Nagar	5943	2302
75	West Patel Nagar	8272	6860
76	Nangal Raya	10700	6286
77	Pusa Road	2178	1465
78	Palam Colony	11589	7847
79	Rajouri Garden	8489	6090
80	Pitam Garden	10013	9650
81	Rohini	6845	4514
82	Paschim Vihar	8648	6925
83	Shakur Basti	5793	3556
84	Sunder Vihar	5302	3471
85	Tilak Nagar	13622	9025
86	Tri Nagar	3675	3040